

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A book management apparatus capable of relieving librarians at individual libraries of repetitious work. When an order for books has been placed by a library management system, ordering information management means of the book management apparatus receives and manages the ordering information. On a predetermined closing day, ordering means places an order for books with a wholesaler management system at prices reduced in accordance with the numbers of copies ordered for identical books, while looking up the ordering information managed by the ordering information management means. Bibliographic information management means acquires bibliographic information about the ordered books from the wholesaler management system and manages the acquired information. When the ordered books have been delivered to the library, book stock information management means registers the books as possessions of the library. When books are loaned between libraries, loan information management means manages the status of loan for each library.